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SAME, AND INTEGRATED CIRCUITS INCLUDING THE SAME
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For example, the Examiner has identified reasons for allowing a group of claims containing more than one independent claim in what appears to have been intended as a single-sentence, single-paragraph statement generally restating the language of Claim 1. In general, the

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identified reasons do not pay full attention to the fact that substantially all of the identified limitations appear in one independent claim, but not in the other independent claim. While Applicants agree that each of the independent claims distinguish over the prior art of record, each of the independent claims should be interpreted only by the limitations that are actually present therein.

Applicants are submitting these comments to ensure that the claims are properly construed based only upon limitations that are actually present therein and/or to ensure that the claims are not interpreted so as to include any additional claim limitations that are not actually present therein.

Applicants' undersigned representative further notes that no authorization was ever given for the amendment(s) to FIGS. 1-3B (although Applicants do not wish to contest the amendment). Thus, Applicants do not necessarily admit or concede that FIGS. 1-3B constitute prior art by virtue of the Examiner's amendment(s) to FIGS. 1-3B.


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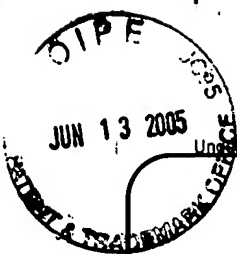
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